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Inhalt: Experte Thomas Abt bespricht in diesem Interview verschiedene Möglichkeiten zur Eindämmung von Gewalt in amerikanischen Großstädten. Er stellt dabei neue Strategien vor, die über bekannte Maßnahmen wie Armutsbekämpfung hinausgehen. Erfahren Sie mehr in diesem Podcast und trainieren Sie Ihr Hörverständnis zu diesem gesellschaftlichen Problem, das die USA immer mehr herausfordert.

Pre-listening

1. Picture discussion

Look at the picture with the yellow and black barrier tape (see p. 1 here). The tape has been put up by the police to make sure people stay away from this particular place. Think of different scenarios that might have happened here.

2. Vocabulary exercise: Word groups from the field of crime

Read the word lists below and cross out the word that does not fit. Write down why you think the word does not belong in the word group. The first exercise has already been done for you.

a)

- A ~~burger~~
B burglar
C burglary
D to burgle

Explanation: A "burger" is something to eat and has nothing to do with stealing like the other words in the group.

b)

- A killer
B murder
C hitman
D assassin

Explanation: _____

c)

- A confession
B witness
C evidence
D barrier tape

Explanation: _____

d)

- A homicide
B killing
C blackmail
D manslaughter

Explanation: _____

e)

- A a mug
B to mug s.o.
C a mugger
D a mugging

Explanation: _____

Listening

You can find the podcast for this listening comprehension exercise here:

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You will hear the text twice. Read the questions before you start listening. Mark (✓) the correct box (there is only one correct answer to each question) or write the answer in the blank space.

4. What kinds of urban violence does host Michel Martin refer to? Name two.

5. What is special about the improvement described in the new book?

6. Why can Thomas Abt be seen as an expert on urban violence? Give one reason.

7. According to Thomas Abt, what should be done to deal with urban violence better?

- a) intensify the fight against racism
- b) create more jobs in poor areas
- c) spend more money on education
- d) concentrate on urban violence itself

8. Which strategy has saved most lives according to Thomas Abt?

- a) to work with as many people as possible from the areas affected
- b) to deal with the small minority of people who are mainly responsible for the violence
- c) to compare people, places, and behaviors to find similarities
- d) to focus on local gangs who are driving the problem

9. Why does Thomas Abt describe a hospital scene at the beginning of this book?

- a) to introduce his main argument
- b) to create an atmosphere of urgency
- c) to give a striking example of urban violence
- d) to show how helpless people are sometimes

10. What does Thomas Abt want to do with the people who are responsible for violence in their areas? Give two pieces of information.